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Application No.: 09/782,448

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance, in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8, and 10-17 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 10 have been amended. Claim 9 has been cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 18-34 were previously withdrawn. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 12-17, and the indication that claims 9-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,593,384 to Kleijne. Claim 1 is the independent claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 9, now cancelled. In the last two Office Actions, the Examiner indicated that claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, as well as dependent claims 2-8, are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner

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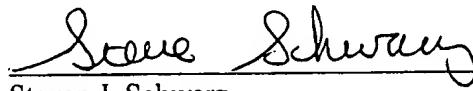
reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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